

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**October 2012 – Week 1**

**Air Date: September 30 – October 6 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: MEXICAN ALAMO**

OCTOBER 1839 AND TEXANS FIGHT THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO... IN MEXICO?

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

OCTOBER 3, 1839. MIER, MEXICO. AFTER THE LOSS OF TEXAS, SANTA ANNA FIGHTS TO STAY IN POWER. ALONG THE RIO GRANDE, MEXICAN REBELS RALLY TO FORM THEIR OWN NATION AND TEXANS CROSS THE BORDER TO HELP.

TODAY, FLYING THE LONE STAR FLAG, 231 TEXANS JOIN MEXICAN REBELS TO PUSH GOVERNMENT TROOPS OUT OF MIER. IN HOT PURSUIT, THE REBELS CATCH THE CENTRALISTS OUTSIDE OF TOWN AT THE ALCANTRO, OR ALAMO RIVER. AFTER A FIERCE BATTLE LASTING TWO DAYS, THE CENTRALISTS GIVE IN – SURRENDERING NOT TO THE MEXICANS, BUT TO THE TEXANS.

AT THE BATTLE OF THE ALAMO RIVER, SANTA ANNA'S TROOPS LOST 150 MEN, THE TEXANS ONLY TWO.

TEXANS WON THE MEXICAN BATTLE OF THE ALAMO 173 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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